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In the Application of:

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TRANSMITTAL OF
SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
AFTER APPLICATION FILING DATE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

ENCLOSURES

Enclosed are the following:

A completed PTO form 1449 (modified) which has 1 page.

A copy of each printed or patented reference listed in the enclosed form 1449 and not previously provided to or by the PTO in this application. One reference is enclosed.

A Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement describing the reference listed in the enclosed form 1449.

FEE DETERMINATION

No fee is believed to be due because this statement and enclosures are being filed prior to receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which are presently required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-0017. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION

This paper and enclosures are believed to be entitled to consideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, based on the facts stated above. The Examiner is required to initial both copies of the enclosed PTO-1449 (modified) and return one copy to the applicant(s) to indicate consideration of the enclosed references.

Respectfully submitted,

March 5, 2001

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Commissioner for Patents Washington DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the following reference be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

| US PATENT NO. | NAME | DATE |
|---------------|-------------------|----------|
| 6,161,099 | Harrington et al. | 12/12/00 |

The above-identified reference is listed on the attached PTO Form 1449, and a copy is also enclosed herewith.

This submission is in no way intended as an admission that the above-cited reference constitutes prior art under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicant

expressly retains the right to take any actions necessary to remove the above-cited

reference from the available prior art.

This Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby

Respectfully submitted,

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